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All of the references cited herein came to the Applicants' attention when they were cited in the following two European Oppositions: (1) an EPO Opposition filed by Human Genome Sciences and Serono against Biogen IDEC's EP Patent No. 1146892; and (2) an EPO Opposition filed by Human Genome Sciences, Corixa Corp., Genentech, and Biogen IDEC against Zymogenetics' EP Patent No. 1141274. Both EP Patent Nos. EP1146892 and EP1141274 disclose polypeptide sequences relating to the TNF ligand superfamily member recited in the instantly pending claims.

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